



HOW TO SUPPORT SOMEONE WHILE THEY QUIT PORN

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RECOGNIZE WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU



While helping your loved one, don't ignore your own needs and boundaries.

Take the time you need to evaluate what is best for your own emotional health, both presently and in the long run.



EDUCATE YOURSELF



Learning about pornography's negative effects can help motivate you and your loved one in the recovery process.

You can educate yourself by reading our Get the Facts articles, which summarize the data on porn's impacts, including why it can be difficult to quit.

See ftnd.org/get-the-facts

RECOGNIZE THAT CHANGE ISN'T ALWAYS AUTOMATIC

This goes for you and your loved one —the process may be frustrating for you and them, and it's okay if you don't respond perfectly every time. Change takes time and practice, so be patient with them and yourself, and keep trying.



BE PATIENT WITH THEIR PROGRESS



Progress is rarely linear and quitting porn cold turkey is the exception rather than the rule.

Remember that setbacks aren't failures, they're usually just part of the process.

Focus on progress rather than perfection. Recovery takes time, and that's okay.

SPEND TIME WITH THEM



When giving up an unhealthy habit, it's best to replace it with healthy ones, so one of the best ways you can help is to actively engage with your loved one in healthy outlets.

Pick up a new hobby together, be exercise buddies, or check out a new coffee spot—just spend time together!



AVOID SHAME



Porn is a sensitive issue, and your loved one may already feel a lot of shame about their porn habit.

Regardless, research confirms that shame can actually fuel unhealthy porn habits rather than motivate real change.

Instead of using shame, remind them that they're loved and worthwhile, even if it takes time for them to quit.

TRY TO AVOID POLICING THEM



Be a safe space for your loved one to share openly and honestly, but try not to police their every move. It's not your job to keep them on track.

Check in with them on how they're doing, but don't force them to share details that won't be helpful to either of you.

UTILIZE RESOURCES

There are so many resources to help you and your loved one along the way—recovery platforms, support groups, conversation blueprints, resources for parents, etc.

You're not alone in this!



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